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Good afternoon,

Please find below some comments from the Tom Erb, the Director of Water Resources for the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power, on the draft guidelines for the Urban Greening for Sustainable Communities Program.

Please feel free to contact me at any time with any questions you may have.

Sincerely,
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Dear Sir or Madam,

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments on the draft guidelines for the Strategic Growth Council's Urban Greening for Sustainable Communities Program (Program).

The draft guidelines state that "up to \$2,000,000 will be targeted for projects within or serving disadvantaged communities. Requests for targeted funding are limited to a maximum of \$75,000" (page 5). The Los Angeles Department of Water and Power (LADWP) encourages the Strategic Growth Council to consider revising the guidelines to increase the amount targeted to disadvantaged communities and to remove the cap on requests for that funding. As currently written, the draft guidelines could force applicants to (1) forgo the additional points given to projects in disadvantaged communities in order to seek funding for a larger project, or (2) scale back projects in order to meet the cap. Neither of these options contributes to the goals of the Program.

By increasing the amount set aside for disadvantaged communities, or at a minimum changing the guidelines to read "a minimum of \$2,000,000..." rather than "up to \$2,000,000..." and removing the cap, the Strategic Growth Council will be able to focus additional resources on communities with the greatest needs.

LADWP is strongly committed to addressing the water supply, water quality, and open space management needs of disadvantaged communities in an integrated, comprehensive manner, and looks forward to working with the Strategic Growth Council to improve the sustainability and livability of California's communities.

Thank you for your consideration. Please feel free to contact me with any question you may have.

Sincerely,

**Thomas M. Erb
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